

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force
Civic Center, Lower level, Room B-8
Tuesday, July 10, 2007

I. Roll Call: Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Black.

II. Present: Arredondo, Jackle, Urashima, Black, Goldenberg

Excused Absent: Chancellor, Inouye, Provencher

Absent: Dekle

City Liaison: Elaine Kuhnke

HBPD: Sgt. Dierking, Lt. Tidrick

III. Welcoming Remarks by Vice Chair Black

Black opened the meeting and welcomed Task Force members and staff

IV. Public Comments: None

V. Approval of Minutes: Continued to next meeting due to member absences; comments noted regarding correcting June minutes to be made.

VI. Special presentation: None

VII. Status Report:

1. HRTF Account balance & Master Calendar Review: Kuhnke
Current balance = \$3948.28

2. Hate Crimes/Incidents Updates, Discussion – Dierking
Nothing new to report. No changes on previous incidents. Also, graffiti incident referred by Chair Chancellor were not considered to be hate graffiti, although victims were of Asian descent. OC Human Relations Commission received a report of a neighbor dispute with Armenian however the incident did not rise to the level of a hate crime.

Urashima asked Dierking regarding the Police Department's position of HR1692 currently in the legislature. Dierking indicated that the bill would not change how hate crimes are investigated in this city and that the intent of the bill is directed towards states without strong hate crime laws. Goldenberg also indicated that the California State hate crime statutes are stronger than federal statutes.

VIII. Program Updates, Activities and Discussion

1. HB High School Model School Program- Black

The Year End Student Recognition program held on June 26 was successful with City Council Member Cathy Green and her husband in

attendance. All students were given a T-shirt and our one graduating senior was given a copy of Three Cups of Tea. A total of 4 students were in attendance and two sets of parents. Parents indicated that they appreciated the opportunity to learn about the year's activities.

Refreshments were served and the OC Human Relations Commission representative Don Han presented a PowerPoint report on activities of the Model School and the Task Force student activities for the year.

3. Making Victims Whole- Urashima
Urashima requested that the task force website be updated to include the registration and information forms. Kuhnke indicated she would get these posted.
4. Cultural Heritage year Long Celebration – Arredondo
Arredondo reported that she and Dekle are working on identifying recipients for the remaining months.
5. Friends of HRTF – Jackle
Possible dinner around September 15 at La Capilla's in celebration of National Hispanic month.
6. HB Reads One Book Program – Urashima reported on behalf of Provencher

Author Greg Mortenson of the selected book, Three Cups of Tea, has been confirmed for February 21, 2008. There is a need to publicize the event in all city publications, update the website, libraries, inform City Council, schools, and contact reading clubs. Greg Mortenson has asked to speak at both a public and private school during his visit. Urashima will be working with OC Register newspaper to promote the event as more details develop. It is anticipated that the event will draw a large attendance so consideration must be given to having a large auditorium, possibly at the Library, Golden West College, or local hotel.

- IX. Comments:** Black reported that she has been sent a request from Community Services Programs (CSP) for a letter of support for a grant they are submitting for gang prevention. Black requested that the item be added to the next agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.